



Timely Tidbits ...

Taylor Police Again Cut Records Office Hours

Beginning May 5, the Taylor Police Department Records Bureau will be closed to the public on Mondays. Business hours will be Tuesday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Jac Desrosiers, director of police services, said persons visiting the Police Department when the bureau is closed can fill out a form to indicate what service they need, whether it's acquiring a copy of a police report or scheduling a gun registration. The request will be filled by clerical staff during regular business hours. The forms are available on the second floor of the Police Department, located at 23515 Goddard Road.

The reduction is the second in the past six months. Last November, weekday business hours were cut back from 5 p.m. to 4 p.m.

For information on Records Bureau services, call 734-374-1535.

Schools of Choice OK'd

At its April 28 meeting, the Romulus Community Schools Board of Education unanimously approved the expansion of its Schools of Choice program for the 2008-2009 school year. The move, intended to generate a significant increase in revenue, will open all six elementaries and the middle school to limited enrollment from nonresidents. Each school will accept a maximum of 10 students per grade.

Watch for registration information in future issues, or call the district at 734-532-1600.

Local Toddler Drowns

The Romulus Police Department is investigating the death of an 18-month-old girl who drowned in a retention pond at Pinewoods Village apartments off Van Born Road, according to Staff Services Lieutenant John Leacher. After RPD received a 9-1-1 call at 2:58 p.m. on April 29, Romulus Fire Department personnel arrived within minutes and performed CPR, but were unable to save the child, whose body had been removed from the water by a relative.

Anyone with information about the incident should contact the RPD at 734-941-8400. □

School Board Candidates Comment on Issues



Danielle Funderburg

To help voters decide whom they will support in the Romulus Community Schools Board of Education election on Tuesday, May 6, *the little paper* distributed a questionnaire to the five candidates vying for the two available seats. Candidates Carl Brooks and Jay Williams chose not to participate.

Altogether, the candidates were asked to respond to four questions, some of which were deliberately general in format to give everyone a chance to focus on the issues of their choice. Personal data was also solicited to give voters some idea about each candidate's background, experience, and knowledge of/dedication to the District.

The questions were:

1. Given that a candidate's campaign platform is composed of many planks, what *single issue* is your *top priority* as you seek election to the Romulus Community Schools Board of Education? Why is it so important to you, and what do you plan to do to promote it, if elected?
2. As the Board addresses the issue of budget cuts for the 2008-2009 school year, in what areas do you believe any cuts should be made? What areas must be protected from cuts at all costs?
3. Do you agree with the Board of Education's decision to open some schools to nonresidents through the "Schools of Choice" program in order to increase revenue? If so, why? If not, would you support further budget cuts to make up for the loss, or do you propose some other method of increasing revenue?
4. Why are you seeking election to the Romulus Community Schools Board of Education, and what makes you the *best* candidate for the job?



Thomas Kuderik

To avoid the appearance of giving anyone preferential treatment, the responses are arranged alphabetically, according to the candidates' last names.

Danielle Funderburg

Age: 42 years old

Education: Oakland University, 1989 (bachelor of arts in communication, minor in advertising)

Occupation: homemaker; graphic designer

Military service: (no response)

Volunteer service performed for the Romulus Community Schools in the last 12 months:

- 1) Volunteer Parent Coordinator at Wick Elementary – activities included Fun Day, Moving Up ceremony, Honors Assembly, Open House, Reading Night, Family Night, popcorn sales for Field Trip Fund, Picture Day (coordinator), Santa Shop, Positive Discipline Celebration, Donuts for Dads, and Muffins for Moms
- 2) also active as a member of the Wick Parents Whom Care (WPWC) parent support group at Wick Elementary; a volunteer for the Reality Store at Romulus Middle School (04/07 and 04/08); a volunteer usher for the Romulus High School graduation ceremony; a School Community Committee member; a participant in the Martin Luther King Day walk/program; and a server at the annual Soul Food Dinner

Marital status: married for 17 years to Gerod Funderburg



Derran Shelby

Children (if any): daughter, 11 years old, and son, 9 years old; both attend Wick Elementary

Number of years as a resident within the school district: moved here in 2003 (5 years)

Telephone number and/or e-mail address where residents can contact you with questions and concerns: funderburg4rcsb@aol.com

QUESTION #1 (top priority)

As our district changes, so do some goals. My primary plank is still to make sure our children excel and are able to compete globally upon exit from the secondary school system; but it is also coupled with the importance of making sure we retain a variety of educational opportunities for student marketability.

I propose a three-prong approach:

- raising college and vocational expectations with *greater* emphasis on high-school academic excellence,
- increasing scholarship awareness and financial assistance opportunities, and
- producing a well-rounded student with educational options.

With these components in place, we can continue to be a competitive school district and produce quality students.

Education after high school is no longer an option; it is a requirement. We must inform families that college or vocational opportunities can be attainable goals for their child(ren). And, whether a teenager enters a four-year college or a vocational training facility, he/she first has to be *accepted* into the school of his/her choice. I feel it is the job of the school district to empower students with the educational tools to *first*

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achieve the grades that are worthy for acceptance into college. By emphasizing the importance of achieving exceptional grades now, students better their chances for acceptance into prominent colleges/universities, and unlock the door for financial opportunities as well.

Students also need proficient study skills to handle the workloads that oftentimes make or break students' success rates in those colleges/universities. It is imperative that we have textbooks for each and every student so they can attain good study habits. We, as a district, must obtain up-to-date editions of current curriculums to ensure a competitive edge with local districts as well as national and global competition. It is also important that we produce students who have strong problem-solving skills. Besides learning the core subjects, it is also essential to have the ability to figure out *how* to solve problems. If we teach our children how to think for themselves and solve problems efficiently and effectively, instead of giving them the answers, we will produce self-sufficient individuals.

Secondly, students need the finances to attend college. Families need guidance on how to set up mutual funds, investment plans, research scholarships, grants, etc., for continued education. By keeping a finger on the pulse of college tuition costs, beneficial information can be given to parents and students using the vehicle of informational workshops on how to pay for college. Businesses, local universities, and prominent community leaders can be resources for college awareness and funding, and possibly can sponsor these workshops. And, partnerships with local universities can be established to create avenues where students can take college courses and receive *transferable* college credits. Early exposure to this college environment is key, and an informed parent is a needed asset for successful student achievement.

Finally, Michigan's and the country's economies are swiftly changing, and preparation and self-marketability are crucial for our students who are exiting our district. Strong emphasis is now being put on math and science, with English/language closely following, to keep pace with the need for technology and critical-thinking professions. But, as a district, we must also keep in mind that not all professions are comprised of math and science subjects. We have to educate from all fronts, offering a variety of subjects – including music, the arts, and physical education – that inspire creativity and team-building traits. This will produce well-rounded students with an array of educational options instead of locking them into one type of profession or opportunity.

This variety of subjects will, in turn, increase the district's *own* marketability. Parents and students want districts that offer subjects that are intriguing and that can increase their child's chances for college acceptance and future job opportunities offer-

ing decent wages. If we continue to offer the subjects that are oftentimes cut when budgets are tight, we will have families that will migrate to our district.

QUESTION #2 (budget cuts)

As I've said in the past, and I still feel today, the things that put us on the map as an up-and-coming district are the things that have been cut and are threatened to be cut. Some of the positions have been reinstated, but there are still positions that have not been restored.

I still believe that, first and foremost, we should begin to put energy into bringing money into the district. We should examine the profitability of selling property that we currently own and are not using because we cannot afford to dig ourselves deeper into debt holding on to that property. I understand future land use is important if we grow as a district, but we must take into consideration how much land is really needed for this potential growth, and decide accordingly. On the opposite side of the spectrum, if the community is willing to continue to pay for land and buildings that we own and aren't utilizing, then we will have to dig into our pockets to afford this decision. Ultimately, it should be up to the voters to decide this fate.

We should be in constant contact with union representatives on how we can save money in the district without losing personnel in the process.

The district should devise a recruitment/marketing plan to increase student enrollment. More students equal more dollars, and stronger emphasis should be placed in those areas. Find out why parents choose to go elsewhere to educate their child, and offer a personal invitation to come back.

We also need to review old contracts and re-bid contracts that are about to expire; there could be possible savings there.

The state should be held accountable to its commitment to increase per-pupil spending. With this in mind, stronger relationships with our state representatives and senators should be nurtured so that we can be properly represented. If Romulus has a face of individuals they can be held accountable to, we can possibly get better results and not just rhetoric. Our *elected* officials should be reminded that in 1994, Proposal A's 2% increase in the sales tax, homestead limits, and collections of income, use, real-estate transfer, and cigarette taxes were *supposed* to be used for the Education Fund, not balancing the budget.

The areas I would preserve are curriculum choices, including music, art, and physical education – especially at the elementary levels – and job retention amongst staff. The "arts" in elementary are usually the first curriculum areas to meet the chopping block. Since I've been a part of the school district, it is very apparent that a large majority of our workforce are Romulus residents with students in the schools. If those jobs are cut, the district will, in turn, cut into its own tax-base (income), possibly causing detriment to the district's long-term

capabilities, and we will lose students because their parents will migrate to other cities with lower tax bases.

QUESTION #3 (Schools of Choice)

In order to remain competitive with other school districts and stay financially afloat, our board of education has had to make some very tough and often unpopular decisions regarding budget and policy. "Schools of Choice" has been one of those decisions.

I agree that "Schools of Choice" is the wave of the future, and it is definitely a way to avoid budget cuts and increase profitability in the district. The district has implemented a partial "Schools of Choice" program at Cory, Halecreek, Merriman, and the Middle School, and it seems to be successful. But, as a parent, I still have reservations about the program, and I'm not alone.

Parents, teachers, and staff members have great concerns about opening our district to neighboring communities, more so in the middle- and high-school setting where safety and student achievement are major concerns. The first and most common concerns raised are disciplinary and behavioral issues and whether the classroom atmosphere will be compromised. Other and additionally important concerns are overcrowded classrooms, safety, and the missing revenue from taxes if they were Romulus residents. As a district, we wonder if we will inherit other districts' "problem

students" by opening our doors. And, if families think that the educational process in Romulus is of value, then why not move into the city.

If the district can guarantee productive classroom instruction, moderate classroom sizes, and safety amongst the student body and faculty, they may get the needed support from the community. We must relay the message to incoming families that they are to enter our doors with high expectations of learning, achievement, and self-control, and that if they are not serious about receiving an education, then they should reconsider becoming a part of our district. We must also inform incoming families and their students about our school initiatives and hold them accountable to those conditions. In return, if they meet their contractual conditions, we as a district will meet their expectations of producing students who are prepared to meet the challenges of life when they exit our district.

We should also partner with the City of Romulus to launch a campaign designed to increase our now shrinking population. If families can make a commitment to the schools, then encourage them to strongly consider making a commitment to the city! Let potential home-owners know that we have prime property, safe neighborhoods, and a healthy atmosphere ideal for raising a family. Inform them about the perks of

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Auxiliary Police Name Officers of the Year



(From left) Sergeant Daniel Smith and Corporal Carl Engle shared Taylor Auxiliary Police Officer of the Year honors. Other finalists were Lieutenant Brian Persia and Sergeant Jeff Witmer. Lieutenant Mark Geikowski was "top shot."

Sergeant Daniel Smith and Corporal Carl Engle have several things in common. They have lived in Taylor since the 1960s. They thrive on volunteering and making a difference in the community. As members of the Taylor Auxiliary Police, they give tirelessly to help make the community safer while supplementing the full-time Taylor Police Department. And, this year, Smith and Engle share the Auxiliary Police Officer of the Year recognition.

Smith, a platoon sergeant with five years on the force, gave more than 750 hours to the all-volunteer group in 2007, much of it in training newly recruited officers. He served as a defense-tactics instructor, and is in charge of the auxiliary color guard. He won the award after being a runner-up in the previous two years.

Engle, an eight-year veteran, recorded nearly 500 hours in a variety of details. Engle was a finalist for the auxiliary award the year before.

"No matter what the detail, any time we need someone, we can call Carl," said Larry Domski, chief of the auxiliary department. "He put in 490 hours and worked on more details."

"Dan has also put in a lot of hours, many of it in training," Domski continued. "They are both very good officers, and are both very dependable."

The Taylor Auxiliary Police Department was organized as a volunteer group in 1962. Auxiliary officers conduct patrols of businesses, parks and schools; implement holiday shopping center antitheft programs; provide security for city elections, special city events, and church festivals; and provide assistance as deemed necessary to further the goals of the Police Department. The auxiliary has 55 officers who are required to donate at least 20 hours a month, plus 13 officer candidates in training.

The co-officers of the year have full-time careers and supportive families. Smith, 46, is in project management for EDS (Electronic Data Systems). A resident of the city since 1965, Smith and his wife Trish are the parents of Nicholas, Cory, and Megan. The former Road Rangers member served as the club's president in 1995.

"The auxiliary is a great organization," Smith said. "I just enjoy doing it and do-

ing something good for my city. I can get involved with the city stuff without getting involved in the politics."

"I put in a lot of hours ... but we have a lot of fun, too," he added.

Engle, 63, has lived in the city since 1969. He has been employed in the Taylor School District utility department for 37 years, often working as a heavy-equipment operator. He and Ethel, his wife of 43 years, had four children: Joseph, Lavonna Cox, Irene Thompson, and the late Carl Jr., who passed away in 1984 at age 29. They also have six grandchildren.

Engle served eight years in the Naval Reserves and was a scout master in the Boy Scouts. He is a former precinct delegate, as well.

"I try to help as much as I can, whether it's backing up the regulars, setting up flares, directing traffic at an accident scene, or working a power outage," Engle said. "I go to schools, city parks, business checks, and vacation home checks. I go on all the call-outs throughout the year. I really enjoy it. It's fun."

The winners and all of the auxiliary officers were recognized during the annual Auxiliary Police dinner dance at the Taylor Knights of Columbus Hall. This year's other finalists for the award were Lieutenant Brian Persia and Sergeant Jeff Witmer. Also recognized at the dinner was Lieutenant Mark Geikowski, who received the Commanders Cup for shooting accuracy at the gun range.

According to Domski, his group has one of the finest reserve/auxiliary training programs in the state. Recruit officers must complete 219 hours of class-type instruction, physical fitness, and range training. Within the program's 16-week period, the largest amount of time is dedicated to range training, which gives the recruits 52 hours of weapons proficiency.

The training academy is meant to be convenient for recruits that have full-time jobs or studies. Candidates for auxiliary membership must be 21 years old, have a clean criminal record and driving record, be a U.S. citizen, and have a high-school diploma or GED.

For more information on the Taylor Auxiliary Police Department, leave a voice-mail message at 734-374-4050. □

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the city, the senior center, the new recreation facility, our clean and safe parks, and our award-winning schools. As we keep these fundamentals in mind when considering the "Schools of Choice" program, and do so with strict guidelines and great prudence, I believe it could be beneficial for the district.

QUESTION #4 (best candidate)

My children are my greatest assets, and I owe it to them to make sound decisions regarding their educational futures. I have been a participant and advocate for their educational needs, and I would like to expand that participation and advocacy to include Romulus children. I'm a former youth counselor and cheer coach, I'm currently a volunteer parent coordinator, and I have a great concern about the direction in which our educational system is headed.

I have the vision that the Romulus school district has the potential for greatness, and I would like that vision to become a contagious mind-set amongst every Romulus resident, student, and school employee. I want Romulus to be in the forefront, setting the example for educational excellence and achievement.

Again, running for School Board Trustee is not an action I have taken lightly. I know that this will be a tremendous charge to serve the residents of Romulus, and one that I don't rush into. I have given great consideration to the cost and sacrifice for my service, not just for myself but also for my family. The fate of the community will be harbored on my shoulders, and its residents will be counting on me to make important decisions regarding education, employment obligations, and policy.

I've been active in our community since my arrival, and I've enjoyed my experiences. My commitment to the community should be nothing that someone has to guess about; I live it through service and I serve cheerfully. I want to positively impact people's lives, not impress them, and the legacy I want to leave behind is that I made their life better in some way.

This is my third time running for the seat of School Board Trustee, and I want to let the constituents know that I'm determined and committed to being a positive force on the board. My determination for seeking the position of School Board Trustee will be transferable to the issues and concerns of the community if I'm elected, and I will use this determination to make sure that our children succeed in their endeavors.

What makes me qualified for this position is that I'm an active parent and volunteer. I don't expect anything from children that I wouldn't expect from my own children. I have a well-rounded view of the educational process and can make constructive decisions based on those principles. I'm hardworking, approachable, and my communication degree coupled with my advertising minor gives me the tools needed to build beneficial relationships and offer effective marketing solutions for the district. My

knowledge of district issues and community concerns will be advantageous when seeking resolutions. I'm a team player, and I recognize that no one part is greater than the other, and that it is crucial to work together to achieve goals and produce excellence.

Finally, I want children to be empowered with knowledge, wisdom, and self-confidence, and to recognize their God-given potential. I want them to know that they were put here on this planet for a specific reason, and that, without their input and achievements, we all fall short of our marks as a human race.

Thomas C. Kuderik

Age: 44 years old

Education: high-school graduate (1982); associate's degree in business management; currently enrolled at Central Michigan University in an undergraduate program; have earned the Master Board Member Award (second ever in district) and Advocacy Skills Specialty Award (first ever in district)

Occupation: I work for Waste Management as a landfill operations specialist; I am also the current secretary of the Romulus Board of Education, and have served on district committees including Finance (4 years), Personnel (2 years), Technology (4 years), Early Childhood (3 years), Healthy Living (1 year), and Senior Scholar (1 year)

Military service: active in U.S. Army for 6½ years (1982-89); earned an Honorable Discharge

Volunteer service performed for the Romulus Community Schools in the last 12 months:

- 1) have helped the varsity lacrosse team, varsity wrestling team, varsity cheerleaders, Health Occupations students, and others – just this year – raise more than \$10,000 for their programs
- 2) have also spent time with school and PTC groups, helped with the annual Soul Food Dinner, helped students with senior projects, volunteered time to help the lacrosse team, and taken part in many other events

Marital status: married for 21 years to my wonderful wife, Pamela Kuderik

Children (if any): 2 very nice young men: Thomas (19), a freshman at Schoolcraft College, and Justin (17), a senior at Romulus High School

Number of years as a resident within the school district: my family moved to the City of Romulus back in 1967; my wife and I moved to our current house in 1989 and have raised our family

Telephone number and/or e-mail address where residents can contact you with questions and concerns: feel free to call me at 734-941-3910/ email me at tomkuderik@yahoo.com

QUESTION #1 (top priority)

Being on the Romulus School Board for the past four years has opened the door for me to see a large number of areas I would like to work on. But, in my view, one of the biggest priorities is student achievement. We need to ensure that each and every student knows how important an education is, and we need to try to encourage each and every student to seek a higher education. Further, we need to educate not just the students, but also their families, by showing them ways of earning scholarships to help pay for higher education. We need to ensure our students are highly educated in today's ever changing, global economy.

QUESTION #2 (budget cuts)

Over the past two years, the budget has been a huge item of concern. As for the 2008-2009 school year, we are looking at ways of trying to save the district money and control spending. As the Board looks at these areas, we try to see if the programs have been affected, and so try to limit the impact that these cuts would have on student achievement.

To be honest, I hope that the Board does not have to make any type of budget cuts. But, if any cuts must be made in the budget, I believe (and I would encourage other board members in this belief) that we need to start at the top and work down, and we need to watch what (if any) type of impact the cuts have on student achievement. Romulus students are our future.

QUESTION #3 (Schools of Choice)

I do not like the fact that we offer Schools of Choice – but, I do have to agree with the reason why we offer it. So many other districts offer Schools of Choice, and some of our students who would go to our schools are leaving for other districts. In order to help prevent the possibility of doing any type of budget cuts, we need to offer this, but we have only opened this offer to a small amount of students per grade and per school (K-8 only). This will be done on a limited basis to ensure that we do not overcrowd our classrooms or schools.

Also, I plan on trying to find out why students are going to other districts, and trying to see if we need to change something in order to keep them here.

QUESTION #4 (best candidate)

The reason I am seeking re-election is that I enjoy working with students. I feel I'm very active in the district and community, and I have always been willing to roll up my sleeves and help in any way I can. I listen to the concerns of students, families, community members, and staff on a large range of items, both good and bad. I also understand some of the challenges our students will face in years to come. I feel I'm very devoted and dedicated to public education, and I understand that student achievement is very important to all of our kids.

Derran E. Shelby

Age: 37 years old

Education: Eastern Michigan University (bachelor's degree, public safety administration); Wayne County Community College (associate's degree, criminal justice); high school (diploma)

Occupation: Romulus police officer/ 14-year police veteran
(During the three years that I was a Romulus High School liaison officer, I was part of the school district family. I worked closely with the administration, teachers, students, and parents. I participated on the district's School Improvement and Climate committees, participated with administrators in training programs to improve the district's emergency preparedness plan, and participated in numerous school functions, activities, and field trips. In the classroom, I instructed a police science class dedicated to educating students – particularly those interested in law-enforcement – about the criminal justice system. I wanted our students to experience not the made-for-TV stuff, but a firsthand look at exactly what is taking place in the real world, and the potential consequences of using poor judgment. We also took annual field trips to the Wayne County jails and medical examiner's office. On the campus, I kept a close eye on

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students and employees to ensure their safety, and enforced appropriate school rules and city ordinances, when necessary. During a recent Middle School presentation, I provided instruction and demonstrations on the dangers of driving while intoxicated.)

Military service: N/A

Volunteer service performed for the Romulus Community Schools in the last 12 months: see above

Marital status: married to wife Dana

Children (if any): Daria, Denae, and Tira

Number of years as a resident within the school district: 10 years

Telephone number and/or e-mail address where residents can contact you with questions and concerns:
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QUESTION #1 (top priority)

Educating students is the reason we have schools, and I would like to start with that basic task in mind. My first priority is making sure our students and employees have the proper resources. This is important to me because our children are the future. Education can lead to opportunities that will enhance economics with high expectations for a better quality of life.

My plan to promote academic achievement involves:

- 1) helping to build a strong, dynamic, innovative, and challenging quality curriculum. (SAT/ACT preparation and foreign-language skills should start in grade K.)
- 2) providing professional development opportunities and in-service training for our teachers and support staff. (They are charged with teaching our children, and must be up to date in the most current instructional methods.)
- 3) realizing that technology is transforming the world and how we do business. (Jobs in the coming decades will no doubt be technology based; some colleges require students to have a laptop computer on the first day of class. Students who choose to enter the job market right away must be well acquainted in the use of technology.)

QUESTION #2 (budget cuts)

Health care, retirement, utility costs, reductions to funding, and enrollment issues are constantly changing, and sometimes have a negative impact on the budget. If cuts are to be made, it is very important that we analyze all school operations. Before we make budget cuts, we must listen and consider all relevant input from our stakeholders, who may be negatively affected by the cuts. This is an area that requires strong decision-making and critical analysis.

I believe that we must balance the needs and concerns of our residents, employees, and students. I believe that it is time for the Board of Education to support the type of programs and services that our residents and students demand. I do not

want to see the cutting of programs that directly benefit our children. Our students have needs, so we must do the best we can to keep the classroom resources in place. Reductions to staff or eliminating programs and services must be fairly distributed across the board. As board members, we must have the ability to see the long-term impact of adverse budget actions.

QUESTION #3 (Schools of Choice)

I want to be very clear on this issue. I'm sure our residents don't greet their school tax bills with a big smile. Our residents expect that their tax monies are benefiting our students residing within our district. Our residents expect that our children are given the opportunity to take full advantage of the programs that the district offers, and not be shut out because some persons outside the district choose to circumvent the proper channels to have their children attend our schools. As a board member, it is my responsibility to act on behalf of the people — and, believe me, I have heard your concerns on this issue.

I understand the issue of funding and the fact that, the more students we have, the more funding we receive. However, bigger is not necessarily better. I am opposed to opening up our district to everyone for the sole purpose of receiving more funding. I am also aware that, in order for Romulus Community Schools to stay competitive with surrounding districts, we have to change with current trends. Parents want their children to receive a good education and, naturally, we have many who reside outside the district who wish to send their children to Romulus Community Schools.

I don't want to deny any child the opportunity to receive an excellent education; therefore, I would support open enrollment for all ages based on the number of available seats. I believe a structured and complete screening process would ensure that we are accepting the best students and families who are serious about their education and can adapt to the Romulus Way of doing business. In addition, in order to ensure that those outside the district become stakeholders within our schools, we have to explore fee-based tuition and pay-to-play fees for those outside the district. Our district cannot be a dumping ground, and our taxpaying residents expect everyone to contribute their fair share of costs.

QUESTION #4 (best candidate)

I am seeking a seat on the Romulus School Board because I believe in excellence in public education and providing students with the necessary tools to become productive citizens. I am a firm believer that every student and employee should be given the opportunity to reach his or her full potential. The role of the school board is not to run the schools, but to ensure that our schools are very well run.

I am interested in keeping the community informed because when everyone is well informed, the level of trust and cooperation increases. I understand that there

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Around Romulus



A ribbon-cutting ceremony on April 25 celebrated the opening of the new Romulus Athletic Center, located at 35765 Northline. The beautiful new 89,000-square-foot facility features state-of-the-art fitness machines and equipment, an indoor track, two gymnasiums, a dance studio, a rock-climbing wall, a five-pool indoor water park, a teen room, a day-care center, banquet and meeting facilities, and more. For additional information about RAC programs and membership (open to residents and nonresidents alike), call 734-942-2223.



Romulus High School National Honor Society members Tranay Tanner and Rachel Arthur did an outstanding job moderating the district's Meet the Candidates Night on April 7. Voters who missed the event will have another opportunity to learn more about Board of Education candidates Danielle Funderburg, Thomas Kuderik, Derran Shelby, and Jay Williams when the program airs on cable channel 19 on Friday at 1 p.m., Saturday at 3 and 7 p.m., Sunday at 1 and 8 p.m., and Monday at 1 and 7 p.m. (Note: candidate Carl Brooks did not participate.)



Romulus Community Schools superintendent Carl Weiss (right) congratulated Board of Education members (from left) Ken Mientkiewicz, Cheryle Buckley, and Tom Kuderik, who earned Michigan Association of School Boards awards for completing education programs aimed at improving their performance. President Mientkiewicz received the Master Board Member Award and Master Diamond Award (first Romulus board member ever to do so). Secretary Kuderik also earned the Master Board Member Award (second in district), as well as the Advocacy Skills Specialty Award (first in district). Trustee Buckley received a Certified Board Member Award and an Award of Merit.

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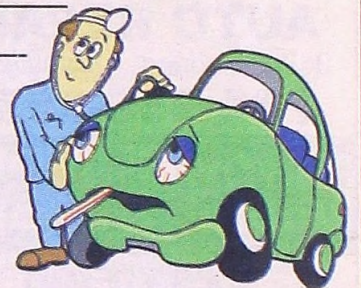
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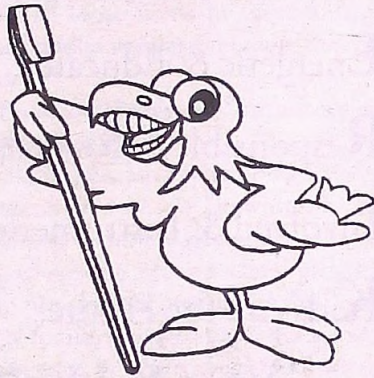
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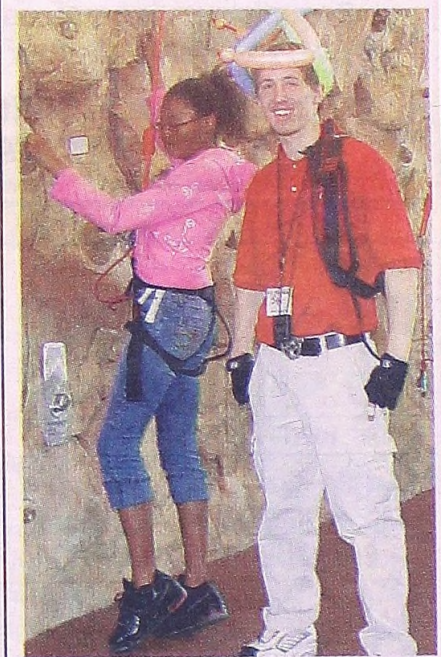
Among those who attended the free open house at the Romulus Athletic Center on April 26 was Romulus resident Darius Hardrick, who used a curl machine during his workout.



Danielle Flint, also a resident of Romulus, said the ability to watch multiple programs on a bank of television screens made her treadmill workout even more enjoyable.



Serena Davison was a star performer on the karaoke machine.



Trainer Alec Staten helped Sarah Marsh scale the rock-climbing wall.



Having foosball fun were (from left) Shawna Britt, Alana Tackett, and Deirdre Carter.

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- supports and attends numerous school and building functions
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- to offer responsible leadership
- to think independently
- to support quality education for the students of Romulus
- to work for strong community, employee and management relations

Record of Community Involvement

- school volunteer
- youth baseball coach for 5 years
- Romulus Flyers football coach for 10 years
- member of the Romulus Athletic Club for 6 years
- trained adult leader in Scouting
- supporter of all school programs, including athletics, music and band

A Proven Leader

- lifelong Romulus resident
- Romulus High School graduate
- member of United States Army, 1982–1989 (honorable discharge)
- Board of Education Trustee for 3 years; Secretary for 1 year
- served on District's Finance, Personnel, Technology, Early Childhood and Healthy Living committees
- earned Master Board Member Award (1 of only 200 in the state)
- earned Advocacy Skills Specialty Award (first ever in the District)
- endorsed by labor and supported by many City elected officials
- husband of Pam (21 years); father of Thomas (19) and Justin (17)

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School Board Candidates Comment on Issues

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is a lot of work to do, and together we can make the district's vision come to fruition.

I am the best candidate for the job because I have a desire to work toward a stronger relationship between the district and the public it serves. In my professional capacity, I have been serving the needs of the people regardless of their abilities and background, and I intend to extend that level of service to our students. I am committed to spending the time and energy required, and participating in and helping with all school functions.

I understand the democratic process,

and my role as a board member is to act strategically, keeping in mind our students and employees and the interests of the entire school community. I will bring professionalism, integrity, accountability, and sound judgment to the Romulus School Board.

Finally, I have already walked along the path of many of our students, and I can directly relate to the issues and problems that they confront on a daily basis. I made some good and bad choices along the way, and I want to do my best to inspire our children and show them that they, too, can be successful no matter what the obstacles.

Community Calendar

To place information in our next issue's Community Calendar, mail it to "the little paper" at P.O. Box 74038, Romulus, MI 48174-0038; FAX it to 734-992-2052; or e-mail it to thelittlepaper@comcast.net by 5 p.m. on Friday, May 9.

Belleville

"The Purple Gang Strikes Again"

The Belleville Area Historical Museum will present "The Purple Gang Strikes Again" – a dinner/interactive murder mystery set in 1931, and based on Detroit's own Purple Gang "capers" – on Tuesday, June 3, at the Bayou Grill (404 Main Street). Doors will open at 5:30 p.m.; the "murder" will begin promptly at 6:30 p.m.

A donation of \$35 covers a gourmet meal, the murder mystery event, and a museum contribution. Seating is extremely limited, so advance ticket purchase is highly recommended.

Call Van Buren Township historian Cathy Horste (734-697-3662) for info.

Brownstown Township

Airports Auction Surplus Equipment, "Lost & Found" Items

The Wayne County Airport Authority, operator of Detroit Metropolitan and Willow Run airports, will hold a public auction on Saturday, May 3, at Martin's Towing & Sales (17180 Dix-Toledo Highway, near the intersection of Pennsylvania and Allen roads).

Surplus items offered for sale will include computers, generators, exercise equipment, televisions, furniture, and used fire truck and utility vehicles. Also offered will be a variety of unclaimed "lost & found" items like laptop computers, cell phones, MP3 players, digital cameras, jewelry, and more. Items from local municipalities and large consignments will be included, as well.

The auction will begin promptly at 10 a.m. Parking is limited, so interested bidders should arrive early to secure a parking space and register. A refundable deposit is required to bid.

Auction items will be available for viewing on Friday, May 2, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and for one hour prior to the start of the auction on Saturday. Advance registration also will be permitted on Friday.

For information, contact Martin's Towing & Sales (734-283-8003).

Annual Spring Cleanup

The Brownstown Beautification Commission has announced that the weeks of May 5-9 and May 12-16 will be the Township's annual Spring Cleanup weeks. During Spring Cleanup, Waste Management will pick up, on your regular trash pickup days, unlimited household rubbish and many items not normally accepted.

Items that will be accepted include tires, small car parts, appliances with Freon, household rubbish, yard waste, and bulky items. All items must be placed at the curb in 32-gallon or smaller containers or bags. Bundle all loose items in three-foot or smaller bundles weighing no more than 50 pounds.

Free Preschool Program: "Adventure on the Open Range"

The Woodhaven-Brownstown Schools, in cooperation with the Brownstown and Woodhaven recreation departments, is offering an exciting new preschool program to help preschoolers prepare for their educational future. Children up to the age of 5 (accompanied by a parent or guardian) are invited to take part in the program's next one-hour event – a musical adventure with imaginary horse riding, rock climbing, canoeing, and camping.

The program will be held at the Brownstown Community Center (21311 Telegraph) from 10 to 11 a.m. on Wednesday, May 21.

For information, call 734-675-0920.

Romulus

Craft Projects Feature Holiday Themes

One-day craft classes for local youths will be held at the Romulus Public Library (11121 Wayne Road) on Saturday, May 3 (Mother's Day theme), and Saturday, June 7 (Father's Day theme). Both classes begin at 10:30 a.m.

Although the programs are free, pre-registration is required.

For information, call 734-942-7589.

Ball Road Tabernacle Celebrates 70 Years

The public is invited to attend the 70th anniversary celebration of Ball Road Tabernacle (7007 Ball Road) on Sunday, May 4. An 11 a.m. remembrance service will be followed by a potluck luncheon. To attend the luncheon, just bring a dish to pass.

For information, call 734-722-9638.

"Mom 2 Mom" Sale

Shop for gently used children's items at the Romulus Recreation Department's upcoming "Mom 2 Mom" sale, to be held at Romulus Progressive Hall (11580 Ozga Street) on Saturday, May 10, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Aisles will be wide enough for strollers, so bring the little ones with you!

Rental space (10'x8' with table) is \$20. Concessions will be available.

Visit www.mom2momlist.com for information, or call 734-941-8665.

Free Dumping

Romulus residents (ID required) may dump nonhazardous household waste at the Department of Public Works (12600 Wayne Road, between Northline and Goddard) May 12-17 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. weekdays and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.

For complete dumping rules, call the DPW (734-942-7579).

Hopgood Hosts Coffee Talk

State Representative Hoon-Yung Hopgood invites his constituents to attend his next Coffee Talk to share their ideas and concerns about State government. The free program will be held at Romulus House Restaurant (9110 Wayne Road) on Monday, May 12, from 4 to 6 p.m.

Second Monday Book Club

Meetings of the Second Monday Book Club – open to everyone 18 and older – are held at the Romulus Public Library (11121 Wayne Road) from 7 to 8:15 p.m. Advance registration is not required for this free program; just read the suggested book, then drop in and enjoy the discussion and refreshments.

Books planned for discussion include:

- *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* by C.S. Lewis (May 12),
- *The Time Traveler's Wife* by Audrey Niffenegger (June 9), and
- *A Wrinkle in Time* by Madeleine L'Engle (July 14).

For information, call 734-942-7589.

Breast Cancer Awareness Day

Dr. Jeremiah Shaft of True Health Chiropractic (9340 Wayne Road, Suite 100) has planned a Breast Cancer Awareness Day on Tuesday, May 13, in recognition of Women's Health Month. All new patients will receive a consultation, exam, EMG scan, and x-rays (regularly a \$275 value) for a \$20 donation, which will benefit the National Breast Cancer Foundation. Complimentary chair massages and refreshments will be offered throughout regular office hours (10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 3 to 6 p.m.).

For more information, or to schedule an appointment, call 734-941-2211.

American Progressive Association Meets

The next meeting of the American Progressive Association of Romulus will be held at the Thomas Coleman Community Center (35351 Beverly Road) on Tuesday, May 13, from 6 to 8 p.m. (Board of Directors meets from 5 to 6 p.m.) Meetings are usually held on the second Tuesday of each month. The public is welcome.

Clean Sweep Day

The City's annual Clean Sweep Day will be held Saturday, May 17, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For more information on how you (and your family, friends, or church/community group) can volunteer to help clean up your hometown, call 734-955-4502.

Scrapbooking Adventures

The City of Romulus Department of Parks and Recreation's next Scrapbooking Adventure programs – open to ages 16 and up – will be held from 12 to 9 p.m. on May 31 (registration deadline: May 30).

Other upcoming dates include June 28, July 26, August 23, and September 27.

Space is limited to the first 12 registrants. A \$20 per event covers at least three feet of crop space; water, snacks, and dinner; and a door-prize drawing. Scrapbooking supplies will be available for purchase from a vendor.

For information, call 734-941-8665.

Taylor

"Plant a Row for the Hungry" Meeting

The Taylor Conservatory Foundation is hosting a free kickoff meeting for those who would like to help the group expand its "Plant a Row" project, which generates fresh produce to be donated to local food banks. The meeting will be held at the Heritage Park Petting Farm on Thursday, May 8, at 7 p.m.

Free vegetable plants will be distributed to those who sign up.

To reserve your spot, call Bruce Forrest (313-295-1889).

Hopgood Hosts Coffee Talk

State Representative Hoon-Yung Hopgood invites his constituents to attend his next Coffee Talk to share their ideas and concerns about State government. The free program will be held at the Downriver Council for the Arts (20904 Northline Road) on Friday, May 16, from 9 to 11 a.m.

Elsewhere

Laurel & Hardy Fan Club

The next meeting of Sons of the Desert, a Laurel & Hardy Fan Club, will be held on Thursday, May 15, at Mama Mia's Restaurant (27770 Plymouth Road, west of Inkster). Enter the banquet door; parking is available across the street in the west lot.

Dinner will begin at 6 p.m., followed by a movie at 7:30 p.m.

For information, contact Frank Spunar at 734-955-2487. □

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Shopping Trips

For a transportation cost of just \$1, Brownstown seniors can ride the Center's bus to shop at the following destinations:

- Meijer (1 p.m. on Tuesday, May 6, and Tuesday, May 20),
- Wal-Mart and local Dollar Store (10 a.m. on Thursday, May 8),
- Kroger (11 a.m. on Wednesday, May 14, and Wednesday, May 28), and
- Family Dollar (11 a.m. on Tuesday, May 27).

Reserve a seat in person or by phone at least 24 hours in advance.

Adult Enrichment Classes

The Brownstown Senior Center will be offering several new enrichment classes for ages 18 and up. Classes (which begin June 2, unless otherwise noted) will include:

- **Arthritis Foundation Exercise Classes** – beginner (10 to 10:45 a.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays; \$30 for residents or \$35 for nonresidents) and **advanced** (11 to 11:45 a.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays; \$30 for residents or \$35 for nonresidents);
- **Acrylic Painting** – 10 to 10:45 a.m. on Mondays; \$40 for residents or \$45 for nonresidents;
- **Watercolor Painting** – 11 to 11:45 a.m. on Mondays; \$40 for residents or \$45 for nonresidents;
- **Digital Photography** – 1 to 1:45 p.m. on Mondays; \$40 for residents or \$45 for nonresidents;
- **Scrapbooking** – 1 to 3 p.m. on Mondays; start date TBA; \$40 per person. Advance registration is required.

Bingo Breakfast

The Senior Center's next Bingo Breakfast is set for Monday, May 19, at 9 a.m. Pancakes, sausage, fruit, juice, and coffee will be the menu for the morning.

A donation of \$2.50 is requested from those not playing bingo. Register in advance at the Recreation desk.

Travel Club Fund-raiser

The Brownstown Senior Travel Club is inviting the public to attend a spaghetti dinner fund-raiser at the Community Center on Thursday, May 8, from 4 to 7 p.m. The meal will include spaghetti and sauce, salad, bread, dessert, and a beverage.

Cost is \$5 for adults or \$3 for children ages 4–10; kids 3 and under eat free. Tickets for a 50/50 raffle will also be sold at the dinner.

Proceeds will be used to help reduce the price of trips for club members.

Red Hat Society Events

Advance registration is required for all of the following events planned by Brownstown's Feisty Red Hatters.

- **Shopping at Marshalls and IKEA** (9 a.m. departure on Tuesday, May 13; cost of \$2 covers transportation only; pay for own lunch at Texas Roadhouse),
- **One-year Anniversary Party** (held at the Community Center at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, May 14; although the program is free, advance registration is required), and
- **Shopping at Red Hat Store** (Tuesday, May 27; cost of \$5 covers transportation only; pay for own lunch at local restaurant in Lima, Ohio).

Please note that members and guests must dress in full regalia – red hat and purple outfit for women 50 and over; pink hat and lavender outfit for those under 50 – for all Red Hat events.

Membership is free.

Regular Events

Regular programs offered by the Center include:

- euchre (Tuesdays, 12:30 p.m.),
- quilting (Wednesdays, 9 a.m.),
- blood-pressure checks (first Thursdays, noon), and
- exercise (Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, 10 a.m.; \$.25 donation/class).

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Senior Discounts at New Athletic Center

The beautiful new Romulus Athletic Center is offering generous discounts on memberships for Romulus senior citizens. Individuals can join for as little as \$168.75 per year; families (all members must be senior citizens) for as little as \$300.

Romulus seniors can also purchase individual day passes for just \$5.25.

The RAC – located at 35765 Northline – is open Monday through Saturday from 5 a.m. to 10 p.m., and Sunday from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Call 734-942-2223 for info.

Bargain Hunters, Unite!

Join fellow seniors for a garage-sale spree on May 15 – the first day of the annual Citywide Yard Sale. The Center's bus will depart at 10 a.m.

Seating is limited; sign up early.

Shopping at Bronner's/Frankenmuth

Mark your calendar for Tuesday, May 13, to take part in a trip to Frankenmuth. Transportation will depart at 8:45 a.m.

Cost is \$22 plus lunch (on your own). Sign up soon, as these seats will fill fast! **Go, Tigers!**

The Senior Center bus will be traveling to Comerica Park on Thursday, May 22, to see the Detroit Tigers (hopefully!) defeat the Seattle Mariners.

Tickets are \$15. Seating is limited, so early sign-up is recommended.

Shopping Trips

Romulus seniors are invited to ride the Center's bus, free of charge, to shop at Meijer/Southland on May 5; Wal-Mart on May 12; and Kmart on May 19. Transportation departs from the Center at 9:30 a.m.

Reservations are accepted on a first-come/first-served basis.

Mother's Day Luncheon

The Romulus Senior Center's next luncheon will honor all the beautiful and wonderful mothers (and grandmothers) in the community. The menu for the event – set for noon on Tuesday, May 13 – will feature spaghetti with garlic bread and salad, coffee, and cake for dessert.

Cost is \$3.50 per person. Preregistration is required.

Scrapbooking; Jewelry-making

The Senior Center's next scrapbooking and jewelry-making classes will be held on May 9 (3 p.m.) and May 14 (12:30 p.m.), respectively.

Advance sign-up is required. Call the Center regarding fees, materials, etc.

Ask the Attorney

Local attorney Steve Robinson's monthly "Ask the Attorney" program – a free consultation service for Romulus senior citizens – has been scheduled for 3 to 5 p.m. on Wednesday, May 14, at the Center.

As always, both walk-ins and call-ins are welcome.

Regular Programs

Free or low-cost weekly programs offered at the Romulus Senior Center include:

- bunco (Tuesdays, 1 p.m.),
- bingo (Wednesdays, 1 p.m.),
- fun night (Wednesdays, 5 p.m.),

- game day (Thursdays, 1 p.m.),
- quilting (Thursdays, 6 p.m.), and
- walking club (Fridays, 1 p.m.).

Hot Lunches

Don't forget that the Senior Center serves a hot lunch at 11:30 a.m. each week-day (except for holidays) for a suggested donation of only \$2.25. This month's menu features dishes like crumb-topped scrod, pork chops, stuffed peppers, and fried chicken drumsticks.

Call by noon at least one business day in advance to make your reservation.

Taylor

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Trip to Greentown Casino

Love to visit casinos, but hate to drive in Downtown traffic? The Ford Senior Center has chartered a bus for a trip to Greentown Casino on Thursday, May 15.

A cost of \$5 includes a \$15 voucher that can be used for money or food.

Preregistration is required.

Watercolor Workshop

A watercolor workshop will be offered at the Center each Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon and from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Cost is \$7 plus supplies (bring your own or buy from the teacher for \$1.50 per week).

Wood-carvers Meet

Local wood-carvers meet at the Ford Senior Center every Tuesday at 12:30 p.m. Anyone interested in taking up this hobby, either again or for the first time, is welcome to stop in and see what it's all about.

Blood Pressure Checks

Stop in at the Center for a free blood pressure check between 8:30 and 11 a.m. on Thursday, May 8; Tuesday, May 13; Tuesday, May 20; and Tuesday, May 27. □

Local Youths, Elders Break Bread Together



Cory Elementary's Student Council members, along with students from Lisa Willerick's nutrition and foods class, recently prepared a lunch for special guests from the Romulus Senior Center. Among those who enjoyed the event were (from left) Beatrice Soborowski, Nathaniel Mitchell, Chris Irby, Jeanette Dziobak, Layth Douglas, and Larry Romak.

ATTENTION, BARGAIN HUNTERS!

Approximately 110 households/organizations are taking part in Romulus's annual Citywide Yard Sale, set for Thursday, May 15, through Sunday, May 18. (If two or more dates are rained out, the event will be postponed to the weekend of May 29-June 1.) For your convenience, the City has compiled a list of sale sites, organizing it by geographic area to make unfamiliar streets easier to find.

Numbers in parentheses refer to sale dates:

1=Thur., May 15; 2=Fri., May 16; 3=Sat., May 17; 4=Sun., May 18

Van Born to Ecorse/Hannan to Inkster

32046 Augusta Dr. (3, 4)
35351 Beverly (1, 2, 3, 4)
32195 Bruce (1, 2, 3, 4)
6945 Canyon Dr. (3, 4)
5830 Cogswell (1, 2, 3, 4)
6190 Cogswell (1, 2, 3, 4)
6355 Cordell (2, 3, 4)
6442 Dexter (3)
30953 Ecorse (1, 2, 3, 4)
35209 Ecorse (1, 2, 3, 4)
6514 Gloria (1, 2, 3, 4)
5864 Heyer (1, 2, 3, 4)
5882 Heyer (1, 2, 3, 4)
6033 Heyer (1, 2, 3)
6361 Heyer (1, 2, 3, 4)
6386 Heyer (1, 2, 3, 4)
6000 Washington (1, 2, 3, 4)
6609 Washington (1, 2, 3, 4)
6077 Wayne (1, 2, 3)

Ecorse to I-94/Hannan to Wayne

39145 Buckingham Dr. (1, 2, 3, 4)
8110 Cogswell (1, 2, 3)
35541 Garner (2, 3)
36809 Herman (1, 2, 3, 4)
37241 Herman (1, 2, 3, 4)
36654 McBride (1, 2, 3)
37243 Menton (1, 2, 3)
10068 Miriam (1, 2, 3, 4)
9261 Ozga (2, 3, 4)
10180 Ozga (1, 2, 3, 4)
10731 Ozga (1, 2, 3, 4)
10033 Romaine (1, 2, 3, 4)
35666 Ronald (2, 3, 4)
9930 Shook (1, 2, 3, 4)
10036 Sterling (2, 3)
9884 Tobine (1, 2, 3, 4)
37525 Tyler (1, 2, 3)
37558 Tyler (1, 2, 3, 4)
37665 Tyler (1, 2, 3, 4)
37720 Tyler (1, 2, 3, 4)
9322 Wayne (1, 2, 3, 4)
9004 Whitehorn (1, 2, 3, 4)
35640 Wick (1, 2, 3, 4)
36541 Wick (1, 2, 3)
36575 Wick (1, 2, 3, 4)
37300 Wick (2)

I-94 to just south of Grant/ Ozga to Wayne

36945 Chase (2, 3, 4)
11415 Delano (1, 2, 3)
12011 Elmview (1, 2, 3, 4)
36915 Ferndale (1, 2, 3, 4)
35465 Goddard (2, 3)
36829 Goddard (1, 2, 3, 4)
36950 Grant (1, 2, 3, 4)
37014 Grant (1, 2, 3, 4)
36850 Perry (1, 2, 3, 4)
36886 Porter (1, 2, 3, 4)
36511 Romulus Ave. (1, 2, 3, 4)
11000 Sterling (2, 3, 4)
12080 Wayne (1, 2, 3, 4)

W. Huron River Dr. to Pennsylvania/ Hannan to S. Huron River Dr.

37641 Barth (2, 3, 4)
37710 Barth (1, 2, 3, 4)
37442 Castle Dr. (1, 2, 3, 4)
37523 Castle Dr. (1, 3, 4)
38235 Castle Dr. (1, 2, 3, 4)
13540 Cogswell (1, 2, 3, 4)
13460 S. Huron River Dr. (2, 3, 4)
13880 S. Huron River Dr. (1, 2, 3, 4)
15701 S. Huron River Dr. (2, 3, 4)
39330 Superior (2, 3, 4)
39225 W. Huron River Dr. (1, 2, 3, 4)
39191 Wabash (1, 2, 3, 4)
38512 Wade (1, 2, 3)
38521 Wade (1, 2, 3, 4)
38636 Wade (1, 2, 3, 4)
39001 Wade (1, 2, 3, 4)
37525 Westvale (3)
37647 Westvale (2, 3, 4)
37811 Westvale (1, 2, 3)
38136 Westvale (1, 2, 3, 4)
38590 Westvale (1, 2, 3, 4)

Wick to I-94/Wayne to Vining

34500 Julie Dr. (1, 2, 3, 4)
34547 Julie Dr. (3)
34844 Julie Dr. (1, 2, 3, 4)
9329 Lisa (1, 2, 3, 4)
9535 Washington (1, 2, 3, 4)

Eureka to Pennsylvania/ Merriman to Middlebelt

15766 Anthony (1, 2, 3, 4)
15815 Anthony (1, 2, 3, 4)
15451 Brandt (1, 2, 3, 4)
15714 Brandt (2, 3, 4)
16215 Brandt (1, 2, 3)
16619 Brandt (1, 2, 3, 4)
30767 Cherry Ave. (1, 2, 3)
30757 Halecreek (1, 2, 3, 4)
16349 Hollywood (1, 2, 3, 4)
30523 Leroy (3, 4)
16279 Oakbrook (3, 4)
30039 Spain (2, 3, 4)

Northline to Pennsylvania/ Middlebelt to Inkster

28828 Burning Tree Ln. (1, 2, 3, 4)
15314 Harriet (1, 2, 3, 4)
13460 Inkster (1, 2, 3, 4)
16158 Ironstone Ln. (1, 2, 3, 4)
15831 Knurlwoode (1, 2, 3, 4)
28524 Leroy (3, 4)
28839 Leroy (1, 2, 3, 4)
15614 Meadow (1, 2, 3, 4)
16115 Oaktree Ln. (1, 2, 3, 4)
15815 Orchard (2, 3, 4)
16208 Wildfox Ct. (1, 2, 3, 4)
16292 Wildfox Ct. (1, 2, 3, 4)
16335 Willow Ct. (3, 4)
15101 Woodmont (1, 2, 3, 4)
15115 Woodmont (1, 2, 3, 4)
15790 Woodmont (3)

Obituaries

James H. Lowe

James H. Lowe of Romulus, Michigan, passed away on Friday, April 25, 2008, at the age of 85.

The native of Pikeville, Kentucky – born Monday, April 2, 1923 – was a member of the National Rifle Association, the American Legion, and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9568 (Romulus).

James is survived by his wife, Ruby (Newson) Lowe; a son, McVon Lowe (Romulus); a daughter, Marie E. (Lonnice) Chapman (SC); and 2 sisters, Mildred O'Bryan

(Wyandotte, MI) and Juanita Holcome (KY).

Among those who preceded him in passing were his parents, James and Laura (Gross) Lowe; a son, James R. Lowe; and a brother, Rodolph Lowe.

A funeral service was held on Tuesday, April 29, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus), with Reverend William Kren (The Evangelical Church) officiating. Interment was at Mt. Hope Memorial Gardens (Livonia, MI).

Edward A. Opatkiewicz

Edward A. Opatkiewicz of Romulus, Michigan, passed away on Wednesday, April 16, 2008. He was 90 years old.

The Romulus native – born on Monday, December 17, 1917 – enjoyed gardening, and donated most of his harvest to St. Mary's Catholic Church.

Edward is survived by a sister, Jane Pokrywki, and a nephew, Robert S. Opatkiewicz. Among those who preceded him in passing were his parents, John and

Josephine (Pelc) Opatkiewicz, and 2 brothers, Joseph and Stanley Opatkiewicz.

A funeral service was held on Monday, April 21, at St. Stephen Catholic Church (New Boston, MI), with Father John Hedges officiating. Cremation rites were accorded. Arrangements were entrusted to Crane Funeral Home (Romulus).

Memorial tributes may be made in the form of mass cards or donations to Boys & Girls Town.

Esther L. Parker

Esther L. Parker of Romulus, Michigan, passed away on Wednesday, April 16, 2008, at the age of 90.

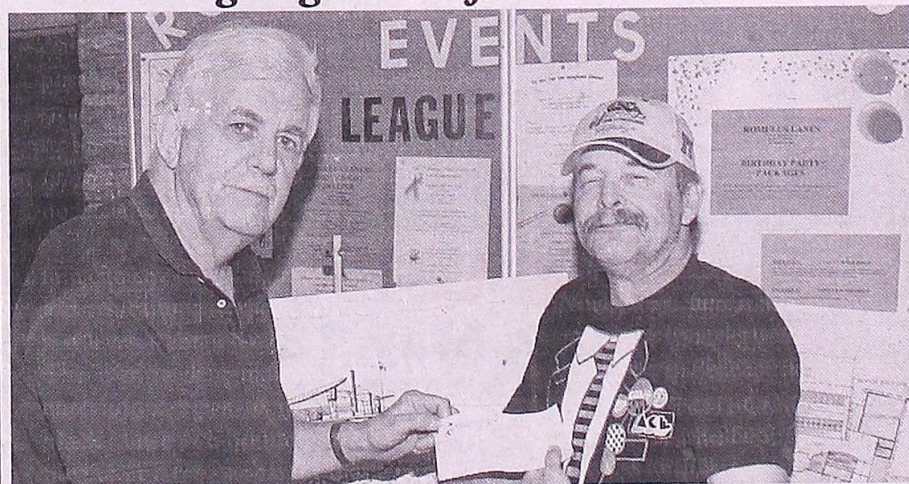
The native of Rowan County, Kentucky – born on Wednesday, July 25, 1917 – enjoyed gardening, making afghans, country music, eating, and watching Dr. Phil.

Esther is survived by 3 sons, Bernie (Beverly) Parker (Georgetown, TX), Londie Lee Parker (Romulus), and Victor D. Parker (Belleville, MI); a daughter, Lorraine (Raymond) Snap (Carlisle, KY); 17 grandchildren; and many great- and great-great-grandchildren.

Among those who predeceased her were her husband, James W. Parker (who passed away on June 20, 1988); a daughter, Mary M. Nocetti (August 2, 2004); a son, William D. Parker (1992); her parents, Landon and Anna (Fryman) Bradley; 4 brothers, Luther, Amos, Richmond, and Evart Bradley; and a sister, Irene Humpfry.

A funeral service was held at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus), with Pastor Steve Adams (Romulus Wesleyan Church) officiating. Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park (Flat Rock). Memorial tributes to any charitable organization would be greatly appreciated by the family. □

Bowling Night Benefits Animal Shelter



On behalf of the Friends of the New Romulus Animal Shelter, City Councilman Bill Wadsworth (left) accepted a \$2,100 check from Rick Hadyniak, Romulus Lanes vice-president of operations. The money was raised during a Bowl-a-Thon held at Romulus Lanes on April 25.

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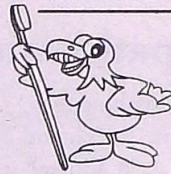
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